

VIRGINIA RUGBY UNION
Spring 2005

OFFICERS:

Elected at the VRU AGM were the following:

President: Kris Kabza
Vice-President: Shannon Plum
Secretary: Greg Markham
Treasurer: Bill Lucas
MARFU/USA Rep: David Chapman
Men's Clubs: David Yancey
Women's Clubs: Margy Dessypris
Men's College: Carl Schmitt
Women's College: Julie Comer
Youth: Open
Discipline: George Durocher
Newsletter: Jeffrey Anderson
At Large MARFU: Shannon Plum
Referee: Jeffrey Anderson

CLUB MEN:

Norfolk and Raleigh will host first round games in the MARFU Division II playoffs on April 16 as the #'s 1 and 2 seeds. In Division III, Newport News and James River are in the MARFU Playoffs. In Division I, Charlotte will host a first round game.

The Porter Cup will be played April 2-3.

COLLEGE MEN:

Going into the MARFU playoffs in the Spring are UVA and Virginia Tech in Division 1 and Radford, VMI, and Mary Washington in Division II.

COLLEGE WOMEN:

Going on in the MARFU playoffs in the Spring are UVA, James Madison, and Virginia Tech in Division 1 and Mary Washington, William and Mary, and U of R in Division II.

The VWIT was cancelled due to field unavailability.

WOMEN'S CLUB:

Blue Ridge will move on in the Spring MARFU Playoffs representing the VRU.

REFEREES:

The Referee Society of Virginia has a new treasurer: Shannon Plum. You may contact her at rsvtreasurer@rugby.org

Joining the Referee Society of Virginia this Spring are Jonathan Steiner, a C-1 referee from Chicago, and the following who took referee training: Greg Crandall, Stephen Parker, James Carroll, Sean Shanks, Kathryn Gasser, Tracy Burge, Brent Harwood, Matthew Weir, and Villie Pieterse.

SPORTSMANSHIP:

The clubs winning the Sportsmanship Award for 2004 were as follows:

- Men: Newport News
- College Men: Radford
- Women and College Women: Raleigh

These clubs will receive \$150 credit toward their VRU dues and credit of \$100 towards their Referee Society of Virginia match fees.

ED AND SANDY LEE CUP:

This Fall the College Men will have a new format in the Ed Lee Cup. Competition will now be broken down into divisions as follows:

Division 1 has 3 clubs. There will play two 80-minute matches on Saturday and one 80-minute match on Sunday in a round robin format. Saturday will be #3 v #2 in the AM and #3 v #1 in the afternoon. Sunday will have #2 v #1.

Division 2 will have 4 clubs entered. There will be two 80-minute semi-finals on Saturday followed by the third/fourth place game and the championship game on Sunday. Saturday's matches will be #1 v #4 and #2 v #3.

Division 3 – same as Division 2.

In all divisions teams get two games – one each day – and the games are longer.

For the College Women, the set-up will be the same as the College Men for Divisions 1 and 2.

SEVENS:

The World Rugby 7's Series for 2004-05:

Dubai, UAE: Winner – England over Fiji
George, South Africa: Winner – New Zealand over Fiji
Wellington, New Zealand: Winner: New Zealand over Argentina
Los Angeles: Winner: New Zealand over Argentina
Singapore: April 16-17
London, England: June 4-5
Bordeaux, France: June 11-12

The Rugby 7's World Cup: Hong Kong, March 18-20. Those teams that will be competing for the 7's World Cup are Hong Kong, New Zealand, Australia, Fiji, Argentina, Canada, England, South Africa, Samoa, Tonga, France, Portugal, Ireland, Japan, Uruguay, Scotland, Georgia, Kenya, Chinese Taipei, USA, Italy, Russia, Tunisia, and Korea.

INTERNATIONAL:

The IRB has instituted its own world rankings. Here are the current rankings for the top 20 countries:

1. New Zealand 2. Australia 3. South Africa 4. Ireland 5. France 6. England 7. Wales 8. Argentina 9. Scotland 10. Fiji 11. Italy 12. Samoa 13. Romania 14. Canada 15. Uruguay 16. USA 17. Portugal 18. Japan 19. Tonga 20. Georgia. There are currently 95 countries that have qualified for world rankings, with Finland bringing up the rear.

OF INTEREST:

Don't forget about the on-line services for rugby. Some of the main ones are:

<p>The rugby newsgroup:</p> <p>On the World Wide Web:</p> <p>VRU WWW Site: EPRU Web Site: PRU Web Site: MARFU Web Site: US National Team: Rugby Today: Rugby magazine: USA Rugby: IRFB: Planet Rugby: Rugbyrugby:</p> <p>E-mail:</p> <p>majordomo@world.std.com</p> <p>listserv@listserv.uoguelph.ca</p> <p>walshpj@erols.com</p> <p>tacticalrugby-subscribe@egroups.com</p> <p>rugbymag@aol.com</p> <p>info@usarugby.org</p>	<p>rec.sport.rugby.union</p> <p>http://www.rugby.org http://www.epru.org http://www.pru.org http://www.marfu.org http://www.usa-eagles.org http://www.scrum.com/rugbytoday/default.asp http://www.rugbymag.com http://www.USARUGBY.org http://www.irfb.com/ http://www.planet-rugby.com http://www.Rugbyrugby.com</p> <p>USA Women's rugby mailing list. To subscribe, put in the message: subscribe uswrugby-discussion (your e-mail address) without the parens.</p> <p>Rugby coaches' mailing list. To subscribe, put in the message: SUB RUGBYCOACH (your full name) without the parens.</p> <p>This address gets you on the U-15 Youth Rugby listserv. Send your name, address, phone number, and rugby responsibilities to get on.</p> <p>Tactical Rugby listserv. For coaches, administrators, players, and referees.</p> <p>Rugby magazine. Hey, can reporting a tourney result get any easier???</p> <p>USA Rugby's e-mail address. To reach an employee, e-mail (first initial)(last name)@usarugby.org</p> <p>The VRU e-mail list.</p>
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The referees have a mailing list, but it's closed to non-referees. Weekly, more and more Internet rugby services go on-line. Get on-line yourself and see what there is! One great place to start:

<http://www.sportszineuk.co.uk>

FINAL WORD:

Not choosing IS choosing. If you put off making a choice you are letting something or someone else make the choice for you. - Bob Reith

Jeffrey Anderson,
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